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FOOD PRICES IN GERMANY SOARING

New High Levels Are Reached, Poor Distribution of Supplies Rather Than a Real Shortage Being Responsible

Berlin, May 22.—Food prices in Germany are reaching new high levels and the public is anxiously awaiting the naming of a food dictator. Many are storing provisions in anticipation of more severe government regulations. A number of in anticipation of more severe government regulations. It is believed there is enough food in Germany, but defective distribution is responsible for the shortages and high prices.

CAPTAIN LOUIS DRAKE IS HUNTING TREASURE

San Francisco, May 22.—While the liner San Juan was off the South American coast recently, a strange-looking craft circled it three times, then a man appeared in the little ship and yelled: "Hello, there."
"What do you want?" shouted a steward.
"I just wanted to see if I could still speak English," came the reply.
The speaker was Captain Louis Drake, who claims relationship to Sir Francis Drake. Emulating the example of his illustrious ancestor, he started from Seattle a year ago en route to the Ladrone Islands to hunt treasure. He sailed alone. The story was brought here when the San Juan docked.

VICTORY TO BRING PEACE SAYS BRIAND

Paris, May 22.—"Peace will not come except through a decisive victory," Premier Briand today told the Russian duma delegation.
"The allies can regard the future with confidence," declared Briand. "Peace must not result from diplomatic intrigue, but it can come only through a decisive allied victory, which can and will restore recognition of international law as a right."

SNOW COVERS BLUE MOUNTAINS OF OREGON

Pendleton, May 22.—A six-inch blanket of snow lay on Fort Meacham in the Blue mountains today and snow was still falling at noon. Little damage will result, it is believed, for the storm struck only the mountainous country.

HEADQUARTERS ARE OPEN FOR T.R. BOOM

New York, May 22.—Regular republicans today opened headquarters for a Roosevelt boom. The Rooseveltians are all former Taft men, and there are no progressives among them. They plan to move shortly to Chicago.

George von L. Meyer, former secretary of the navy, is chairman of the delegation. He has an appointment with the colonel at Oyster Bay for this afternoon.

It is believed that Roosevelt will be persuaded to make a brief whirlwind campaign through the mid-west following his speech at Kansas City on Memorial day.

MILITIAMEN OF TEXAS DECLINE TO TAKE THE OATH

Washington, May 22.—One hundred and sixteen Texas militiamen refused to take the oath for federal service, Secretary of War Baker was advised today. Under the Dick law they can be court-martialed and fined, but they can not be forced to serve.
Baker commented today on an alleged interview with General Obregon in Mexico City in which the Mexican war minister was quoted as saying that the American-Mexican situation was acute. The secretary said he did not know the Big Bend case had been discussed at the recent border conference. He said he thought that in any case the Big Bend situation would be cleared by withdrawal of Colonel Sibley's men, which is now under way. The attitude of Provisional President Carranza is reported still friendly.

SENTENCE LYNCH AS IRISH REBEL

London, May 22.—Jeremiah Lynch, the American rebel sentenced to 10 years for participating in the Irish revolution, was seen in Liberty hall, rebellion headquarters, during the fighting, wearing an officer's uniform. General Sir John Maxwell reported today to Premier Asquith. Lynch has not denied taking part in the uprising, the foreign office stated today. He was first sentenced to death. Later this was commuted.

JUDGE DOOLING HEARS WESTERN PACIFIC CASE

San Francisco, May 22.—Federal Judge Dooling today began hearing the motion for a decree of sale in the Western Pacific foreclosure proceedings. Dooling replaced Judge Van Fleet, who withdrew voluntarily. Dooling must decide whether a price be set on the property and what it shall be.

DEBATE STIRS THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, May 22.—Confusion reigned in the house of commons today when Timothy Healy, an Irish member, created a scene during debate on the executions of Irish rebels.
"I am not going to stand here and see our people shot!" he shouted. "We are not in Prussia."
There were mingled cries of approval and dissent from all over the house. Members were in an uproar. "He is a licensed traitor!" yelled one voice.
Healy had previously declared that he had no confidence in Irish law by court-martial and that he had no confidence in General Sir John Maxwell, in charge of the situation.

VOLCANO OF KILAUEA BECOMES MORE ACTIVE

Honolulu, by Wireless to San Francisco, May 22.—Following four slight earthquakes, the volcano of Kilauea appeared more active today. There were no further indications of an eruption of the Mokawewee crater, all being quiet in that region. The sky is clear.

CONTINUE FILIBUSTER ON RIVER-HARBOR BILL

Washington, May 22.—Senate filibusterers, as fresh as when they started their battle, today resumed attacks on the river bill. They claim that at least half the \$42,000,000 appropriation is inexcusable extravagance. Party lines cut no figure in the filibuster.

CLUB WOMEN OF NATION TO MEET

Twenty Thousand Delegates Gather in New York for the Biennial Convention of Federated Organizations

New York, May 22.—An army of 20,000 women, mobilized from the ranks of 2,000,000 club women in every state and possession of the United States, began the invasion of Manhattan today for the opening of the 13th biennial convention of the Federated Women's Clubs of America in the Seventh Regiment armory here tomorrow.

As the squads, companies, regiments and battalions of handsomely gowned femininity troop along the platforms from the long trains pulling into Grand Central, Pennsylvania station and Hudson terminal from California, Florida, Maine and other parts of the country, they are taken in hand by Boy Scouts in khaki, who see them safely delivered to their appointed places. Other scouts go around afterward and give them printed and oral instructions about getting here and there in New York. Still other scouts look after their luggage.

Thanks to these lads and the hard-working arrangements committee, under the direction of Mrs. North McLean of the New York Federation, the 20,000 will be comfortably settled in New York town and on their way to hear Mrs. Percy V. Pennypacker of Texas bang the big gavel on the steel sounding board that will call the convention to order.

From that moment on until the night of June 2 the women leaders of the nation will make this old town hum with speeches and squabbles and social affairs and all those other exciting events that women bring about when they get together. They will give the world their official opinion on government and goulash, food and fighting, marriage and millionaires, babies and banting, health and hairdressing, short skirts and short ballots, big wives and little husbands, prizefights and tea-fights, and many, many other matters of general interest.

New York, May 22.—Absolutely the final touch in preparedness was furnished today by the arrangements committee for the convention this week of the General Federation of
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FRANCE ASSEMBLING FLEET OF NEW TYPE OF MONSTER AIR CRUISERS

Paris, May 2 (By Mail).—Monster French air cruisers—each mounting one of the famous "soixante-quinze" guns, so destructive at Verdun—will be in action against Germany's air forces before many weeks. Successful experiments with this new type of the air have just been completed. In all probability Sergeant-Aviator Treille Grandseigne, hero of several recent air exploits, will pilot the first of the new battle planes. He has been directing the experiments in which huge aeroplanes have carried the 75's in rehearsal of air engagements.

Although but 25 years old, Grandseigne has won for himself a most enviable record as a pilot of the first cannon-mounted aeroplanes, firing shells much smaller than the seventy-fives. He is the aviator who was cited

ITALIANS AND AUSTRIANS IN CONFLICT

Teuton Forces Make Desperate Effort to Invade Victor Emmanuel's Territory, Each Side Losing Great Numbers

Vienna, May 22.—Massing heavy forces on the southern Tyrolean fronts, Italians today are making desperate but unsuccessful efforts to stem the Austrian invasion. Commanders ordered repeated assaults of Italian Alpine forces on the Teuton lines. Every onslaught was repulsed. According to official announcements the Austrians claim capture of several more Italian positions and 3,000 additional prisoners.

Reviewing the first week of the battle, the war office declared that a total of 16,000 Italians had been captured. Considerable terrain has been seized. Fighting desperately under direct orders from King Victor Emmanuel, the Italians are bringing every available man and gun into action in the bloody Astico valley in efforts to oust the Austrians, who there gained their first foothold on the enemy's soil. It is believed that the king, now at the front, ordered that Austrian invaders be expelled at any cost.

"The fighting in southern Tyrol is increasing in violence," said a communique. We (Austrians) hold the summit of Armentara ridge. Troops of the crown prince captured Cima del Laghi and Cima di Nesole. The enemy was driven south from Borgola pass."

Vienna, May 22.—"The Italian defeat on the south Tyrol front is steadily growing more serious," it was announced officially today. The attack of our corps on Taverone plateau was highly successful. The enemy was driven off from the whole position."

"Austrian troops under Archduke Karl reached the line of Monte Tormino Montemorio," the announcement continued. "Our troops conquered Fima, Mandrioli and heights to the westward of the frontier from the summit as far as Astach valley. The total number of Italians captured is now 23,883, including 482 officers and 172 cannon."

Rome, May 22.—The Italian liner St. Andrea has been sunk by an Austrian submarine, it was stated today.

KING ALFONSO TO HEAD MOVEMENT TO BRING PEACE

London, May 22.—King Alfonso of Spain is likely to initiate peace negotiations soon, Madrid newspapers said today, according to the Exchange Telegraph. He will first sound out the peace sentiment in each belligerent country, and if results are satisfactory, the king will send two Spanish statesmen to each of the warring capitals to work out plans for a truce.

LOOTERS FOLLOW IN WAKE OF TROOPS

Columbus, N. M., May 22.—Four bands of Mexican bandits are following the withdrawing American troops today, looting. It is believed one of these organizations attacked a section of the Seventh cavalry which fought a skirmish action in which one soldier was wounded.

General Pershing is rushing a column back to engage the outlaws. His object is to disperse them. Scouts report that each band is seventy horsemen strong. Inhabitants of Mexican villages are fleeing north in the wake of the Americans, circulating stories that Francisco Villa has recovered and is organizing a new army, and that the United States army is retreating because it fears him.

PROGRESSIVE OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON T. R. ROOM

Chicago, May 22.—"Republicans have one week in which to nominate Theodore Roosevelt and four years in which to regret not having done so," said O. K. Davis, secretary of the progressive organization, in a statement issued today. Chairman Hillis, of the republican national committee, is en route to Chicago. Secretary Reynolds said today there would be a double delegation from Texas districts.

Frank Hitchcock, a Hughes' supporter, is due here today. It is believed his arrival will boom the Hughes stock.

LION AND BEAR JOIN IN BAGDAD ATTACK

London, May 22.—For the first time since the war began, British and Russian land forces are today fighting shoulder to shoulder in Mesopotamia. Military critics warned the public against undue optimism regarding this speedily executed joining of British and Russian troops. They said it was highly improbable that the Russian main body would be able to effect a juncture with the British for weeks in sufficient strength to hurl an attack on Bagdad. The Slavs probably will move upon Bagdad from the north.

SPECKLES COMPANY WINS IN THE FEDERAL COURT

Portland, May 22.—Federal Judge Wolverton today decided in favor of John D. Speckels and Brothers company the suit brought by R. A. Graham to have the affairs of the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern railroad reopened. Graham charged that Speckels foreclosed a \$500,000 mortgage on the road 16 years ago without proper legal procedure. Speckels later sold the road to the Southern Pacific.

CYCLONES HIT SEVERAL WESTERN STATES SUNDAY

Des Moines, Iowa, May 22.—Cyclones which raged through several western states Sunday did \$20,000 damage and injured eight, none seriously, it developed today.

HUGHES GETS GREAT VOTE IN OREGON

Jurist Carries State by a Clear Majority of 30,000 in the Preferential Primary Election Held Last Friday

Portland, May 22.—Charles E. Hughes carried Oregon in the preferential preference primary by 30,000 votes, according to results available today. With about 70 per cent of the ballots counted, Hughes had 50,257 and Cummins 23,704. Burton was far in the rear. Roosevelt was out of the race altogether. Although his name was not on the printed ballot, it had been expected that his supporters would write in his name. They didn't. Roosevelt probably received less than 2,300 votes in the entire state.

Delegates-at-large to the republican national convention will be Charles P. Fulton, George Cameron, Daniel Boyd and Charles H. Carey.

The latest count in the race for republican district delegates indicates that the following have been elected:

First District—C. P. Bishop, of Salem, and Albert Abraham, of Roseburg. W. W. Calkins, of Eugene, is close behind Abraham.

Second District—W. H. Brewer, of Ontario; J. N. Burgess, of Pendleton.

Third District—Ralph W. Hoyt and Clarence R. Hotchkiss, of Portland.

Republican delegates-at-large are: Daniel Boyd, George J. Cameron, Charles H. Carey and C. W. Fulton. The democrats elected the following delegates:

First District—C. C. Jackson, Halsey; R. R. Turner, Roseburg; and E. T. Radant, of Siletia.

Second District—W. M. Peterson, Pendleton, and W. R. King, of Ontario; E. T. Holmes, of LaGrande, is close behind King.

Third District—George A. Lovejoy and Shirley D. Parker.

Delegates-at-large—A. S. Bennett, T. H. Crawford, F. L. Armitage, and J. W. Morrow. W. L. Morgan may be elected over Morrow in the later returns. Only six votes separate them.

No new figures from outlying counties were available today on state offices. H. H. Corey claimed the eastern Oregon public service commissionership over Ed Wright. Returns were lacking from Lake, Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman counties, and from portions of other counties.

FRENCH OFFICERS ARE CAPTURED

Berlin, May 22.—Swarming into French positions on the eastern spurs of Hill 304, near Verdun, after charging up the slope under a deadly fire, German troops maintained their holdings against repeated counterattacks, it was announced officially today.

Nine French officers, 518 men who remained in the works with five machine guns and fought until resistance was useless, were captured.

Berlin, May 22.—Several lines of British positions on a front of one and one-third miles southwest of Givenchy and extending to Engobelle have been captured by the Germans, it was officially announced today.

Berlin, May 22.—French troops gained a foothold in a quarry south of Haubremont, east of the river Meuse, following three attacks in force. It was officially admitted today.